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Sir:

*Amendment*  
~~AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116~~

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub D1 > 1. (three times amended) A game ball having increased [moisture] resistance to moisture absorption [properties], said game ball comprising [a lining and] a natural leather cover disposed over [said] a lining, the leather of said cover having increased water resistance properties distributed throughout during a tanning process, wherein when said ball is subjected to three 90 minute cycles of a rain test, said ball contains a maximum amount of water at the conclusion of said third rain test cycle as expressed as a ratio of the weight of the ball with absorbed water to the weight of the dry ball, such ratio being a maximum of 1.25:1.

Table 2E  
1.23:1

Cover + Lining  
No Bladder